

Dear Sir/Madam,

I implore you to reconsider signing away more of the basic freedoms that we have been constitutionally granted in the name of political pressure and special intrests.

While I agree that there are legitimate copyright issues in play, these same sort of arguments were made by the media companies when VCR technology was first introduced. I don't think anyone toady would assert that the same content providers have made far more money by selling legitimate content on VHS than they have lost through the efforts of high volume pirates.

I urge you to concentrate your efforts on the folks who are most deserving of legal restriction, i.e. the high volume pirates, and to allow the average citizen to use devices to record on air content for personal use only. The vast majority of this activity is simply for the convinience of the consumer (who by the way pays a high premium for most of that on-air content in the first place) and not an attempt to infringe on the legitimate ownership of the creator and broadcasters.

Continued efforts to restrict fair use of on-air material will contribute to more and more consumers spending time and effort to work around the technology by purchasing grey market equipment that bypasses the proposed copy protection, simply out of frustration.

Start a new trend in government, and actually do the right thing for the people, and let the wealthy and powerful political parties and media conglomerates take care of themselves. They always do...

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